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Lirio Quintero

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for Substantially Solid-Free Water
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Please amend the claims as follows to correct the following clerical/typographical errors and to add claims 392-412:

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1 196. (Amended) A water-based drilling fluid comprising:
2 an aqueous base fluid;
3 a quantity of water soluble polymer; and,
4 an amount of surfactant in association with said water soluble polymer;
5 wherein said quantity, said amount, and said association provide said water
6 soluble polymer with effective rheology and fluid loss control properties
7 comprising low shear rate viscosity.

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1 230. (Amended) A water-based drilling fluid comprising:
2 an aqueous base fluid;
3 a quantity of water soluble polymer;
4 an amount of surfactant in association with said water soluble polymer;



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